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### **FACULTY RECITAL AT UD WILL FEATURE LETNANOVA**

DAYTON, Ohio, March 16, 1990--A faculty recital by pianist Elena Letnanova, associate professor of music at the University of Dayton, will be held Tuesday, March 27, at 8 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

Letnanova's program will include "Sonata in C Major, Opus 53 'Waldstein'" by Ludwig van Beethoven; "Preludes and Ballad in G Minor" by Frederic Chopin; "Funerals" by Franz Liszt; "Echoes from the Distance" by Frederico Mompou; and "Borova" by Bohuslav Martinu and "Toccata" by Klement Slavicky, both modern Czechoslovakian composers.

An acclaimed performer and music scholar, Letnanova defected from Czechoslovakia in 1984. She earned her bachelor of music degree from the College of Musical Arts in Bratislava and her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Jan Amos Komensky in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. In post-graduate work, she studied for two years at the University of Frederic Chopin in Warsaw, Poland, under the renowned European professor Marie Wilkomirska.

In addition to teaching at the university level, Letnanova performed with symphony orchestras under the baton of some of Europe's finest conductors as well as more than 180 solo recitals. Since her defection, she has performed in Texas, Colorado and Ohio, earning critical acclaim as a passionate and well-schooled artist.

For more information, call UD's music division at (513) 229-3936.